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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA

REF: (A) STATE 21241, (B9 STATE 20558

1. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS AND MEETING OF
AFRICAN COORDINATING GROUP ON NAMIBIA, TANZANIANS INFORMED-
BRITISH, FRENCH AND US EVENING JANUARY 28 THAT FOLLOWING
REVISIONS WERE BEING MADE IN "WORKING PAPER" ON NAMIBIA:

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 TO READ: "CONDEMNS THE SOUTH AFRICAN
MILITARY BUILDUP IN NAMIBIA AND ANY UTILIZATION OF
THE TERRITORY AS A BASE FOR ATTACKS ON NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES;"

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 TO BE DELETED ENTIRELY.

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OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 7 TO READ: "FURTHER CONDEMNS ALL ATTEMPTS

BY SOUTH AFRICA CALCULATED TO EVADE THE CLEAR DEMAND OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS UNDER UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION AND CONTROL IN NAMIBIA;"

2. BRITISH AND FRENCH HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO VOTE YES ON THIS LANGUAGE AT VOTE NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR EVENING JANUARY 29, OR MORNING JANUARY 30. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND AND REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS TO DO THE SAME. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD ACHIEVE NOTHING BUT CAUSE IRRITATION AMONG OTHER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WOULD RISK REVERSION TO HARDER TEXT, AND WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE TRIPARTITE SOLIDARITY ON THIS QUESTION. AFRICAN ACCEPTANCE CAME AFTER LONG MORNING OF CONSULTATIONS, INCLUDING 45-MINUTE US SESSION WITH SALIM. WE HAVE CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH, ALONG LINES REFTELS. BOTH BRITISH AND FRENCH AGREE THAT EFFORT TO FLOAT IDEA OF UN AND OR OTHER PRESENCE AT CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DISCUSS PRIVATELY WITH PARTIES CONCERNED, BUT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR INCLUSION IN DRAFT AT THIS STAGE. NEITHER BRITISH NOR FRENCH BELIEVE ANY SC MEMBER WOULD WISH TO PRESENT IT.

3. AFTERNOON DEBATE JANUARY 28 INCLUDED STATEMENTS MADE BY REPS OF ROMANIA, CHINA, JAPAN, LIBERIA, POLAND, INDONESIA AND SAUDI ARABIA, AND PREDICTABLE RIGHTS OF REPLY EXERCISED AGAINST EACH OTHER BY SOVIET UNION AND CHINA. SUMMARY CONTAINED SEPTEL. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 A.M. JANUARY 29, FOLLOWED BY MORNING AND AFTERNOON MEETINGS. SPEAKERS INSCRIBED FOR TOMORROW INCLUDE: USSR, GUYANA, FRANCE, US, ITALY, BENIN, KUWAIT, PAKISTAN, NIGERIA, LIBYA, JORDAN, JAMAICA, TUNISIA, BANGLADESH, BURUNDI, INDIA AND TANZANIA, MOYNIHAN

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